1	2	3	4	5
5	Improvement of riding quality programme (IRQP) (Kms).	12548	12603	100.4
6	Rehabilitation/Construction of Bridges (nos.)	598	403	67.4
7	Construction of Bypasses (nos.)	43	21	48.8

Widening of Delhi-Haridwar Road

1999. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi-Haridwar road is very narrow and needs to be widened in view of pilgrimage heavy traffic; and

(b) whether Government propose to widen the road immediately and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Delhi-Haridwar road is not a narrow road. It is already four-lane road between Delhi to Meerut and two-lane road from Meerut to Haridwar. The proposal of its widening to four/six lane from Delhi-Haridwar-Dehradun has been included under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) phase-III A on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. Bids for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for six laning of Delhi-Meerut section has been invited. Four laning of Meerut-Muzaffernagar section has already been awarded to M/s NCC-Maytas Consortium. The BOT bids for four laning to Muzaffernagar-Haridwar-Dehradun section are under preparation with Design Consultant.

New National Waterways

2000. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:
SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three new National Waterways are being

planned across the Kakinada-Pondicherry canal integrated with the Godavari and Krishna rivers, the Barak river and the East Coast canal integrated with the Brahmani river;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the outlay provided and the time-frame fixed for the project; and

(c) the details of the existing National Waterways network and plans drawn up, if any, to increase the network and also to strengthen the inland water transport infrastructure along the coastal regions of the county?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are as under:

(i) Kakinada-Pondicherry Canals along with river Godavari and Krishna (1095 Km) at estimated cost of Rs. 542 crore. The time frame envisaged is 7 years.

(ii) East Coast Canal along with river Brahmani and Mahanadi Delta (623 km) at estimated cost of Rs. 1526 crore. The time envisaged is 8 years.

(iii) River Barak (140 Km) at estimated cost of Rs. 46 crore. The time frame envisaged is 3 years.

(c) The details of existing National Waterway network are as under:

(i) The Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River system between Haldia and Allahabad (1620 km)-National Waterway No. 1.

(ii) Dhubri-Sadiya stretch of (891 km)- National Waterway No. 2.

(iii) Kollam-Kottapuram stretch of West Coast Canal along with Champakara and udyogmandal canals (205 Km)- National Waterway No. 3.

Various schemes for improvement of infrastructure for shipping and navigation on the national waterways have been implemented. Government has also planned to increase the coverage of national waterways by declaring three new national waterways as indicated at (b) above. Existing National Waterway No. 3 is on the West Coast and the new waterways indicated at b (i) and b(ii) above are along east coast of the country.